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DESIGNING A RETICLE SET, )  
EXPOSURE MONITORING )  
METHOD, INSPECTION )  
METHOD FOR RETICLE SET )  
AND MANUFACTURING )  
METHOD FOR A )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language. English-language abstracts are enclosed.

1. Japanese Patent (Laid-Open) Application No. 2002-221783 - This document discloses a focus monitor mark built on a photomask.
2. Japanese Patent (Laid-Open) Application No. 2002-299205 - This document discloses monitoring and controlling methods of dose and focus using monitor marks.

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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